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MINOR MENTION. N. Y. P. Co. Council Bluffs Lumber Co., coal, Craft's chattel loans, 204 Sapp block, Genuine Rock Spring coal. Thatcher, 16

Main street. Regular meeting, Lodge of Perfection, will be held this evening. A. J. Brown, T. P. G. M.

The funeral of Lulu May Fonda will take place at 2 o'clock at the residence, 1506 Ninth

Jerry Emerson and Lottle Anderson married last evening by Justice Patton. The groom was colored and the bride white. Harry L., the ten-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Swany, died of diphtheria yesterday noon at the family residence. funeral will take place this afternoon at 2

W. H. Beck was brought pefore Justice Patton yesterday to answer to the charge of pulling a revolver on a farmer living south of the city. The farmer failed to make a case and Beck was discharged. Mr. C. E. Stone has received word from

his daughter, Mrs. Mergs of Portland, Ore., that her husband is suffering from partial paralysis of the optic nerves which is likely to result in the loss of both eyes. D C. Bosen thinks he has had his full

share of illness in his family lately. His two boys, one after the other, were taken down by diphtheria a short time ago, and now as they are recovering his wife shows signs of being attacked by the same disease. Sheriff O'Neill left yesterday morning for Clarinda to take in charge eight incurables

who are now confined in the insane asylum there, but are to be brought to this city keeping in St. Bernard's hospital. He is expected to return this evening with the The Daughters of Veterans met Wednes-

day evening and adopted the regulation uniform of the order as their own. The uniform consists of a blue flannel dress with gold embroidery. Each member will wear a rib-bon designating the branch of the service to which her father belonged—bine for infantry, yellow for cavalry and red for artillery. The newly elected officers of Bluffs

ion, No. 27, uniform rank Knights of Pythias, were installed Wednesday evening by Sir Knight Adjutant E. J. Abbott, as follows: Captain, J. M. Scanlan; first fleutenant, C. A. Tibbits; second fleutenant, O. Younkerman; recorder, I. W. Retzenhoff; treasurer, Louis Kost, R. G., J. Scheferli; L. G., J. L. Smith.

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The trial of Hall Frampton on the charge of disposing of mortgaged property was to have come off yesterday in Justice Hamer's court, but a continuance was asked for by the defendant in order that he might get his testimony together The continuance was granted until tomorrow. Frampton, it is alleged, sold the goods nearly a year ago and has been keeping as far from the city as possible ever since. A day or two ago he returned, and was at once nabbed.

County Clerk Campbell, Recorder Hendricks and Attorney Organ were in Avoca yesterday, where they were subpoened as witnesses in a case brought by Fremont Ben jamin to get a man out of jail on a legal tech-nicality, after he had been convicted of selling liquor contrary to the statutes and had been sentenced to a term in the county jail. Benjamin's claim is that the grand which returned the indictment upon which his client was convicted had been irregularly drawn. If Benjamin succeeded in getting his man out of jail on this plea it is stated that the whole work of the term could be overthrown in the same way.

Stop and Think.

And ask yourself why you should pay old-fashioned prices for groceries and provisions when you can get first class, clean, fresh goods at modern prices? Read these prices: Crackers, per lb, 5c; 3 lbs gingersnaps for 25c; Arbuckle's coffee, 25c per package; German coffee, 25c; hams, 6c per lb; bacon, 7c; codfish, 7½c; 10 lb pail white fish, 60c; 3 cans corn, 25c; 3 cans toma-

white fish, one; 3 cans cort, see; 3 cans controls, 25c; 4 cans peas, 25c; Davis' No. 10 flour, \$1.50; Davis "Blue D" flour, \$1.35; Buffalo flour, \$1.25; Gold Medai flour, \$1.45; Snow Flake flour, \$1.00; 25 lbs buckwear, \$1.00; 25 boxes of matches, 25c; box good laundry soap, \$1.00; 3 lbs leaf lard, 25c; good broom, 10c; oranges, 15c per dozen; coal oil, 8c a gal-lon; 2 loaves bread, 5c; 1 lb good tea, 25c. Prompt delivery of goods. Brown's C. O. D. grocery. Telephone 29.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Mrs. W. H. McKenzie has gone to Chicago to spend several weeks visiting friends Mrs. H. W. Hart left for Kansas yesterday

Miss Rita Lorton of Nebraska City returned home yesterday morning after a three weeks' visit with Miss Jessie Farnsworth. Miss Abbie Gaston of Tabor has arrived in the city to take a position as stenographer with the New York Mutual Insurance com-

County Superintendent J. K. Cooper left yesterday for Macedonia to attend a meeting of teachers. He will be away the rest of the D. B. Miller of Red Oak and Louis Miles

of Corydon are in the city on business con-nected with the federal court, which convenes here on March 21. Sergeant Ormsby of the Omaha police force was in the city last evening on his way

to Davenport to take in tow John Dwyer, the alleged murderer of O'Conner, who was arrested in that city Wednesday night.

Kindergarten school, 803 Fourth avenue. Spring term opens March 2. Mrs. F. L. Sack-ett.

Chamber sets, Lund Bros.

Marriage Licenses. The following marriage licenses were issued

yesterday:	
John V. Wedel	Pottawattamie county
Eathen Hoag	Kankakee, Il
E.J. Murrayl Elizabeth Bropbay	Pottawattamie count
Ottie Anderson	Council Bluff
Eugene C. Jones Nellie Murphy	Council Bluff
The new dental was	

The new dental rooms of Drs. Woodburser the finest and most complete in the west Next to the new Grand. "Telephone, 145."

Special—"I say, have you tried the tea, Lund Bros., 23 Main street! It is just excel-

A Pleasant Event. The young ladies of the second Presbyterian church will give an entertainment at the church this evening. The following programme will be rendered:

Duct Masters Jay and George Glenn Recitation Miss Dottie Wallace Instrumental Music Miss Davis Recitation Miss Marguerite Wallace Duct Misses Burgess and Keiler Dialogue Dialogue
Instrumental Solo Master Elmer Otto
Recitation Miss May Grosvenor
Cornet Solo Mr. Duncan
Recitation Etoyla Otto
Intrumental Music Miss Wallace

Admission 10 cents.

Evans Laundry Co., 520 Pearl street. Tele-phone 230. Goods called for and delivered.

Pure fresh drugs at Davis', opposite Ogden.

Left His Creditors. An information was issued in Justice Patton's court for the arrest of William S. Campbell on the charge of selling mortgaged property. Campbell came to the Bluffs about two years ago and embarked in the meat market business. He became pressed for money and borrowed of A. A. Clark & Co., mortgaging his property to secure the toan.

A short time ago he left the city, but before he left, it is alleged, sold the property he had mortgaged to Clark. It is said he left other creditors in the lurch as well, but the total amount of his liabilities is as yet unknown.

THE OMAHA BEE THE NEWS IN THE BLUFFS.

The School Board Makes Arrangements for the Coming Election.

A BROADWAY BUTCHER LEAVES SUDDENLY

A Bluffite Who Passed Through the Horrors of the Indian War-Doctors Must Report-Court News-Minor Mention.

A special meeting of the school board was held last evening for the purpose of preparing for the coming election of school directors. Members Stewart, Blaxsim, Waite and Schoentgen were present. The first thing to be done was to settle upon the appropriation necessary for the schools for the ensuing year. After a full discussion, it was decided to fix the estimates for the different departments as follows: School house fund, \$10,000; tenchers' fund, \$35,000; contingent fund, \$25,-000.

The question of the insurance of the new building on the Cochran tract was then taken up. Chairman Waite reported that he had placed \$10,000 insurance on the new building, subject to the action of the board, Blaxsim wanted Waite's action ratifled, but Schoentgen said no; two of the members of the board were absent, viz., Hunter and Wells, and he did want the action of the committee ratified without giving them a chance to say some

"And since you insist on pushing this business, Mr. Blaxsim," he continued, "I will ask the secretary to note the absence of a quorum," and Mr. Schoentgen seized his hat, overcoat, cane, overshoes and made a break for the door. "Hold on, there," shouted Blaxsim, "I'll

drop that matter if you say so."
"You'll drop it, will you!" returned
Schoentgen. "Well then, I'll come back."
And Mr. Schoentgen came back reluctantly, deposited his baggage on a table and sat down and looked contented. Explanations then followed, each member trying to show just what he had meant, until everyone was Superintendent Sawyer offered his monthly

report of attendance, which showed the total attendance of boys during the month of January to have been 1,503 and of girls 1,567.
Bills to the amount of \$1,500 were allowe the most important being that of the Carbon

coal company for \$519, the Globe publishing company for \$28, and of Harle & McCabe for \$52. The bill of the Burlington school furniture company for \$507 for the seating of the Cochran school house was referred. Some discussion took piace over the ques-tion of who would make up the registers for the election. R. N. Whittlesey had seen some of the members and gained their con sent to his making them up, but some of the members seemed to be opposed to the idea of doing business in so informal a manner, and after a discussion the secretary was

structed to attend to the work. The bill fo this work last year amounted to about \$125. As a way to choose judges and cierks for election, it was decided that each member the board should take charge of one ward and see that the judges and clerks for that ward were appointed and notified. The wards were thus distributed: First, Hunter: Second, Stewart; Third, Blaxsim; Four Walte; Fifth, Schöentgen; Sixth, Wells. The meeting then adjourned to meet next Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, when a meeting will be held in the new school house for the purpose of looking over the building preparatory to its acceptance.

Snugart & Co. carry largest stock of bulk field, garden and flower seeds in the west. Catalogue and samples by mail.

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A Valiant Bluffs Boy. Many friends of Lieutenant Gallagher, o this city, have watched the telegraphic columns with special interest for any personal mentions of the part he has been taking in the Indian war. Mrs. Gallagher has been here for some time at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paschel. She received a telegram yesterday announcing her husband's safe arrival at Fort Niobrara, and she expects to join him there in a short time. Her husband street the "Captain Gallagher," a brief account of whose sufferings in the blizzard were given in the dispatches day before yesterday. He arrived at Pierre on Tuesday with a body of cavalry, and took a train for Valentine. He had just landed the remnants of the Big Foot. Sitting Bull and other, bestile bands husband's safe arrival at Fort Niebrara Foot, Sitting Bull and other hestile bands that were not exterminated at Wounded Knee, at Forts Sully and Bennett, where they will remain under military control. He tells a story of terrible privation on the long march from Pine Ridge to these posts. In one instance the entire company went thirty-six hours without food. In another they spent the day and night unprotected during a blizzard, having to care for numbers of wounded Indian Lieutenant Gallagher was illy prepared to meet the rigors of such a climate, as he had been stationed in New Mexico until hastily summoned to the scenes of the Indian trouble.

Best heavy goods, 25 per cent off, cash. Reiter, the tailor, 310 Broadway.

Call on Schurz-Smith Co. for chattel loans

and real estate. 26 Pearl st Buy your coal and wood of C. B. Fuel Co.,

539 Broadway. Telephone 136. District Court.

The case of Fred Eighmy vs the Union Pacific railway company, which has been on trial in the district court for several days past, was completed yesterday and given to the jury late in the afternoon. It has been a hotly contested case. Nearly every doctor has been on the stand as witness for one side or the other. The defense of the railway company was the existence of a rule of the company which forbids employes from making couplings with their hands. They claim that the plaintiff disre-garded this rule, and that therefore they cannot be held responsible.

In the case of Mrs. William Boie vs John O'Connor, which was for damages for the selling of liquor to a minor, a dismissal was fied, it having been settled without trial. In the case of Mrs. William Boie vs M. Seiple, a similar case, a continuance was granted until

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Tea sets, Lund Bros.

A Tribute to Sherman. At a special meeting of encampment No. 8, Union Veteran legion, the following resolu-

tions were adopted:

Wherens, A most illustrious name—one long loved and honored by all patriots—has now been transferred to the roll of honor by the death on February 14, 1891, of General William Tecumseh Sherman at New York; and Whereas, While the nations mourns his loss, to us, his former comrades, it is a personal bereavement. No more on earth will the aged veterans pass in review before their old commander, who has pitched his silent tent on "Fame's eternal camping ground;" and Whereas, As union veterans we recognize his sterling worth, his great services and his personal regard for the welfare of the old soldiers for so many years since we folded our colors, stacked our arms and returned to our home; therefore

Resilved. That the Union Veteran legion, encan pment No. 8 of Council Bluffs, Ia., extend their sincere sympathy to the sorrowing family in an engrossed copy of these resolutions, and that a special menoral page be set apart in the minutes of this organization for our old commander, and that these resolutions be published in the city papers. tions were adopted:

After the Doctors.

The city physician is having some trouble on account of the failure of parents and doctors to report the cases of contagious diseases that come under their notice. In looking up the matter Dr. Jennings found ten cases of measles that had not been reported ou account of the neglect either of the parents or of the attending physician. He took the names of the

derelict parties, and will give them the benefit of a reading of the law on the point, which provides that for each offence of the kind the physician shall pay a fine of \$25. The law will not be enforced to its limit at present, or account of the mild nature of the disease however, after being duly warned the tors still persist in neglecting their duty. Dr. Jennings states that he will bring them up

Call on D. J. Hutchinson & Co. for choice bargains in lets in Wilson Terrace, inducements for the next few days.

The Manhattan, sporting headquarters. N.

Iowa and Dakota Pensions. WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.-The following per sions were granted today to Iowans : Original-Lawrence McCook, Samuel Gushard, George W. Stout, Worden W. Weisher, Willis S. Sperry, Fillis W. Auspach Matthew E. McMichael, Ransom H. Root John Trisler, William Fults, Milton S. Ford, Sereil Thompson. Additional—John B. Abraham, Ira Vincent Increase—Edwin W. Bunce, Arthur M. Bush. Reissue—Joseph C. Shleds. Original widows, etc.—Clare Reed, former widow of George Dustin; Mary, widow of Jeremiah O'Sullivan; Anna, widow of 2 lois Tchirgu; Louisa M., widow of Harvey Tuttle; Altana A., widow of Thomas P. Mattitle; Altana A., widow of Thomas P. Matti-son; Elizabeth S., widow of Ebenezer J Morse; Amanda Jane, widow of Joseph Brineger; Maria A., widow of Joseph H. Un-

derwood; Lucretia, widow of Jacob Slater. South Dakota; Original—Joseph E. Un-derhill. Additional—Edward W. Doyle. Increase-Edward Atwater. Easy expectoration, increased power of the lungs, and the enjoyment of rest, are the re-wards, upon taking Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup, to all consumptives

Cuts, burns and all other wounds, can b in a short time by the use of Salvation Oil, the greatest cure on earth for pain

A Protest Against Scott. CAIRO, Feb. 19 .- France has intimated that her protest against the appointment of Justice Scott as official adviser to the Egyptian government implies a refusal to apply the economies, resulting from the recent con-version of the Egyptian debt, to the reforms of the Egyptian government proposed.

The best and cheapest Car-Starter is sold by the Borden & Selleck Co., Chicage, Ill With it one man can move a loaded car. Woodruff Paid Out.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Feb. 19 .- The state treasurer reported to the legislature today that ex-Treasurer Woodruff's sureties have paid him \$63,740, the full amount of Wood-

raffs' shortage Rochester Opera House Burned. ROCHESTER, N. Y., Feb. 19.-The Grand opera house, which was erected at a cost of \$75,000, burned this morning, and the Windsor hotel adjoining was badly damaged.

Predictions for February Weather. As there are but twenty-eight days in this month there ought to be less cold atmosphere than in January, but 'all signs fail in dry weather," therefore we can only say that the electric-lighted, steam-heated, vestibuled, limited trains of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway will continue to run daily between Omaha, Council Bluffs and Chi cago. The electric light reading lamp in each berth is the novelty of the age. Ticket office, 1501 Farnam street, Omaha.

WON HER WAGER.

Innumerable gas jets in the great hall of the armory. Hundreds of people in motion. Temperature tropical. A murmur of voices mingling with the indistinct strains of the waltz hurry the crowd along.

other after the stereotyped fashion, beginning with "I recognize, you, Don Juan," or "How is your wife?" and ending with some stupid bit of gossip. To Mr. Henry H-- this was no longer a novelty, and he felt tremendously bored as he wandered through

The masks continually greet one an-

heat and the senseless chatter on all Lost in his thoughts, he had almost gained the door, and drew a breath of relief as he thought of his comfortable

the rooms, swearing at the crowd, the

bed and imagined himself in the arms of Morpheus-his never failing friend. But suddenly this annoyed young man was startled by the tap of a fan on his

shoulder. He turned round. Before him stood a pretty little figure

in sobrette costume. "Can't I amuse you?" "I do not think it is in your power."

"Let me try, at least. I love you!" "I've heard those words often

nough." "But not from me." "Ah, of that I am not sure!"

"You impertinent man!" "Only to masks." "But you don't know me in the very east."

"Well, I never expect myself to find out impossible things," he said, suppressing a gape.

"What am I to understand by this?" "That it is impossible to actually know a woman. " "And why? Does the study present

such overwhelming difficulties? "Yes, indeed it does." "Isn't it, however, worth the trouble to try to solve the riddle?" she asked

piquantly. "Oh, never, 'tis a riddle without any

satisfactory solution." "Because you are not capable of finding it out."

"Not so; mathematicians have declared a woman to be like an algebraic problem, where the result is contradictory-that is to say, her worth is only a

negative quantity."
Oh, you are dreadfully tedious with all your mathematical rubbish. Do let

us talk about something else,"
"I am at your service. What do you order me to talk about?" "Will you answer honestly all the questions I put?"

I will endeavor to." "Have youever been in love?" "I have been-I am-and shall conlinue to be. "With whom?"

"Myself. "Egotist!" "Only-man."

"Have you ever been truly loved?" "Yes. "By whom?"

"By my dog Azor-my truest friend. "Forlorn man-I give youup-forever, should never be able to change you." "Had you this intention, beautiful "Perhaps."

"But do you know me well enough in order to "Sufficiently well to-doubt." "To doubt me—or yourself?" he asked, growing more and more interested in

this extraordinary soubrette. "One, quite as much as the other." "When did this doubt come into your mind?" "Within five minutes."

"Well, that's not a long time." "No; but long ago it belonged to the past.

past-that is last year's now," replied Henry. "You are mistaken-human life con

sists of two parts---the past and the future---and the last depends upon the first, without which at has no signifi-"And the present?" "Is an intangible moment which has

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Well, really, mask, you begin to interest me. Supposing we make up and sign a treaty of peace?" "Peace! Why, have we been at war?" she asked, looking straight into his eyes "Naturally, is there not an everlasting war going on between our rough sex and

dipped into the past before we note it.

mask you sweet women, which is only wholly overcome in a few individual cases, where they succeed in living at peace with one another." are satisfied, fulfil your promise and lay "In war matters I am utterly inexpe aside your mask.

rienced; therefore you must explain to me the conditions of the peace you propose."
"They are easily understood. The first

is to lay down arms.' "Which means?" "Lay aside the masks." "A somewhat disagreeable condition. which I consent to only if my opponent

does the same. "Your opponent is not fighting with the same weapon." "Why, have you no mask?"

"Only the one in every day use." "Take it off." "That is impossible. It would completely disarm me. "But then I will lay mine off also, she said gayly. "The one you are wearing for the mask ball?"

"Isn't that sufficient?" "Well, it depends."

"And I haven't your consent after all? Yes, Yes; all right. Only who is to be the first to disarm?" "Naturally the stronger one." "Which is?"

"Then do you allow yourself to be the weaker? "Well, men always regarded women as the weaker?" "O! then I will begin,"

"I am all ear. "In truth I'm no such an egotist as I appear to be. And you dollove somebody else be side yourself?" "I have loved-"

"Your Azor." "A girl who was not worthy of my "Was she untrue to you?" "She never loved me, therefore sh could not be false to me.

"I never found another." "Whom it was impossible for you to "No, not that; but no one who was capable of loving me unselfishly.

"And have you never loved another?"

"How do you paint to yourself such "I demand that the one who loves m shall forget everything and sacrifice everything for me-her family, her ambition, the whole world-all that is dear to her. I demand that she shall be wholly absorbed in this love and surrender herself to it unhesitatingly, and even though it draw down upon her only sorrow and suffering 'sa'd he growing more impassioned with each "And what will you offer her in re

turn for all this?" she asked, scornfully. "Nothing." "Certainly that isn't much, and have you ever asked yourself wereyou worthy of such love?

"If I were worthy of it then there would be no merit and no sacrifice in this love. "Did not your beloved one consent to these demands?"

"I've already told you that she never

And have you censed to love her?"
"O, long ago."
"And hate her now?" "Hate! that is too much-for her; she has simply passed out of existence for

loved me.

"Don't you care ever to see her reproof: again?" dence which has led a broken heart to throw itself upon you?" "No, not in the least, but let us dron this tiresome theme; my confession is ended; I have unmasked myself. Now it is your turn." he said, as he drew her

aside almost by main force.
"Slowly, you'll pull my arm out o oint," she whispered, and seated herself on a couch standing near, while he folowed her example. "Now it is your turn," he repeated im

quickly covered her face again with the patiently. slowly and with effort: 'Not yet-you have not yet told me ll; you love affair interests me," said with scorn, but with insults. Have I dene, as she pulled off one of her gloves served them?" because of the heat.

"What more do you want to know?" ists such immeasurable difference of he asked almost angrily. views, conceptions and feelings that "I want to know what has become of her who has ceased to exist for you.' neither scorn nor insults from me could affect you. "You demand too much and overster the limits of the conditions we agreed did not see this difference. Then you

upon-the result."
"What is the result?" "The treaty is broken." "And you will not tell me anything more about her?"

"No, for it is superfluous and has nothng to do with what we are talking "Ho! you've betrayed yourself, thought ess fellow," and the mask laughed

of me?" she asked with smothered voice. scornfully. "I don't understand you." "The memory of the faithless one is not indifferent to you. You love her defenceless woman.

"Defenceless! Do you think I have "Now it is my turn to laugh. Your suspicion after all I have said, beautiful forgotten the weapons you wielded by which to wound me mortally?" nask, amuses me. "That was in the past, but today it is different, today I love you-love you "If it is really true, then, convince me by telling me everthing."
"Is the matter of so much importance with my whole soul, notwithstanding you dispise and repulse me," she said, in one hurried breath, as if by the

to you? "Perhaps." "Good, then-ask and I'll answer," he said resignedly. "What has become of her?"

"She is married!" To whom? "To a man thirty years older than herself, but rich." "How old was she?"

upon love merely as an indispensable en-"Eighteen years, tertainment of an evening party. Today it has become a necessity of my heart. "Forty-eight and eighteen. The difference is not so very great—perhaps she loved him." and I would share this sacred feeling with him to whom, though unconsciously to myself, for a long, long time my heart has alone belonged. I feel that if you now repulse me I shall die like a flower "She was incapable of loving any

body," he ejaculated with fury. "You know her better, therefore will not contest the matter with you.' "But tell me the reason your engage ment was broken off. "The loss of my property."

"Did this happen through your own fault?" "Through the undue confidence placed in the honesty of man. "Did you discuss the separation with her?

"No; it was enough that I heard her

"And you had no objection to o ffer "I was too proud to make any." "Where is she now?" "Probably with ner count in Paris.

say all was over between us.

"Ah, then she is a countess? That les sens her guilt." "Do you think so?" "Of course-for how often people sac-

rifice love to an empty title. Whe shouldn't one sacrifice his hand for noble-sounding name?" "Curious philosophy-" "Women's philosophy, isn't it?" "It is not worth while to talk of the now told all and it is your turn."

"Not yet-you have not mentioned her self in thought, 'She loves me as formerly," and turning to the black mask he whispered: Despise you? Par-don you? You know that I still love, hristian name "Well, certainly this is unnecessary."
"That depends—I, for my part, often udge people by their Christian names." still adore you, that I am ready to con-"I could tell a lie and give you a false

"Helena."

the glove.

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Henry?

"What is the matter?"

given her hand thus to him.

a right to insist upon it

deed I am ready to-"

"Even this."

"Then it is-"

his hand to her face.

stood as if petrified.

'You have not the right."

"Not? and our agreement?"

"Was her name really Helena?"

"Then, perhaps I'd better go."

"To tell me her true name?"

She drew back a few steps.

"Is-is-Julia," gasped out Henry

"I have given my word---and will keep

," she said with unfeigned voice, at

Henry could only catch a glimpse of

the same time slightly lifting the

her profile. He trembled. It seemed to him as if he had fallen into a profound.

troubled sleep, from which, spite of all

his efforts, he could not rouse himself.
"Can it be possible?" he exclaimed

half aloud, at the same time seizing her

madly by the hand and shricking in a

ment, "Take your mask wholly off, I

She apparently hesitated a moment

"Julia," he cried, and springing back

She approached him slowly, laid her

hand upon his shoulder and whispered

in a soft voice, "Do I still exist for you.

Her voice had the same sweet, silvery

one as earlier and yet it was like the

hissing of a snake; her touch like that

of a cat playing with its victim. Not-withstanding, in the first moment he

yould have thrown himself at her feet

kissed the hem of her dress and pressed

the dainty hand with its red-tipped fingers to his heart.

But only for a moment. Then he re

called the hour of their parting. Her cold words, "All is over between us,"

sounded in his ears; he heard the rus-

tling of her silk dress as she proudty

drew herself up after these words and

went away leaving him in stony despair

arm, looked searchingly into her eyes

and asked with a smile:

ng her a direct insult.

that?" she added softly.

which is gone forever.'

heart.

years ago-and vet-

tedious, countess?"

He slowly lifted her hand from off his

"Don't you find this ball dreadfully

A perfect fury flamed up in her eyes at

'Have you only scorn for the confi-

"Pardon me, countess. I was never

ntended for the pilot of an adventuress'

ship," and realized only too late by these

words that he had been guilty of offer-

She recoiled, and to hide her anger

For awhile she was silent, then said

"I discover that you are armed not only

"Madame, between you and me ex-

"And yet there was a time when you

loved me. Have you entirely forgotten

"On the contrary, I remember it well.

and often live over again those hours with delight, Somewhat, however, as a

mature man recalls his boyish pranks,

and rejoices that they belong to an age

"And you have only such recollections

"Could you expect or demand of me

"Stop! Do not revenge yourself on

confession to relieve her overburdened

childish in me to believe it? Didn't you

say these same words to me only a few

arates these moments! I formerly looked

on which the dew no longer fells.

After uttering these passionately excited words she added, as if ashamed of

Henry felt how the little hand trem-

He could not account to himself for the

mass of people crowding hither and thither about them—forgot the suffering

of past years-and saw only the living

being who leaned timidly on his arm and

behind her mask was choking back tears

pity on the unhappy one, but reason-

emained hushed under the magnetic in-

fluence of the tiny hand resting on his

Conscience commended that he take

of shame and humiliation.

arm.

-whispered:

forgot the whole world, forgot the

bled which again rested upon his arm.

change in his thoughts and feelings.

them, in a timid and frightened tone:

"Ah, how you must despise me!

"You love me? Wouldn't it be too

"Ah, then and now! What a chasm sep-

any others?" he replied sarcastically.

these irraical words, then controlling

herself she whispered in a tone of gentle

and then with a single motion took the mask quickly from her face.

voice, tremulous with excite

"but now take your mask off-quick, quick," he cried, excitedly, and raised

"You have spoken my name."

"Here is my hand without mask," she

A peculiar shudder came over him as

said, laughingly, as she extended to him the one from which she had just taken

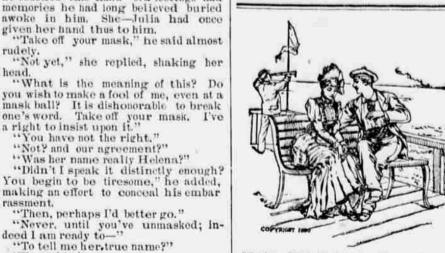
he touched this hand-old feelings and

secrate my life anew to you. Carried away by the old love, he con-"There is no occasion for your doing this, and therefore you will not do it." tinued: "I love you as no mertal, no poet has "Then you persist in wanting to know ever loved.

Instead of an answer he heard behind "I feel as if I had made this plain the mask which nearly covered he enough," she said impatiently, "so what mouth only a soft, musical ha! ha! ha as with half suppressed voice she said:
"I have now won my bet with the
baroness. I asserted that any one of
you men at the bare recollection of your "Ah!" escaped from the lips under the first love was capable of committing the grossest piece of stupidity. I was not quite sure that I was right; but now, Really-that is curious, very curious! -but now that I have told you, if you thanks to your amiable heart, I am only too thoroughly convinced of it. The half

> "Ha! ha! ha! how grateful I am to she said, as she withdrew her hand from his arm and was soon lost in the crowd of maskers.

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